

REMARKS

A first Amendment After Final dated September 12, 2005 was filed in the present application to cancel claims 1-12 and add claims 14-15. The Examiner issued an Advisory Action dated October 3, 2005 asserting that claims 14-15 presented new issues that would require further consideration and/or search. The Examiner therefore did not enter the September 12, 2005 Amendment After Final.

Accordingly, claims 1-13 as presented in the March 16, 2005 Amendment are pending in the present application.

By this Second Amendment After Final, claims 1-12 are cancelled. Claim 13 remains in the application. Thus, only claim 13 is active in the application. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

The Applicants thank the Examiner for kindly indicating that claim 13 is allowed in item 4 on page 8 of the Office Action.

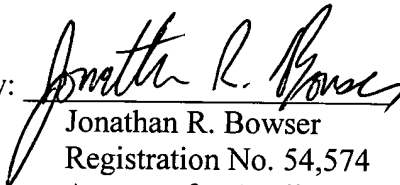
Claims 1-12 were the only rejected claims of the present application. Without intending to acquiesce to the rejection of these claims and merely to expedite issuance of the present application, claims 1-12 have been cancelled. Therefore, only allowed claim 13 now remains in the application.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is clearly in condition for allowance. An early notice thereof is respectfully solicited.

If, after reviewing this Amendment, the Examiner feels there are any issues remaining which must be resolved before the application can be passed to issue, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone in order to resolve such issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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